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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James M. Derderian

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**For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
ASSEMBLIES INCLUDING A
NONCONFLUENT SPACER LAYER
(AMENDED)**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 11, 2004, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on August 11, 2004. As July 11, 2004, fell on a Sunday, this response should be deemed to have been submitted within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action.

37 C.F.R. § 1.7.

Amendments to the claims are set forth in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks start at page 12 of this paper.